COMPLETE LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

The following lists all of the claims that are or were in the above-identified patent application. The status identifiers respectively provided in parentheses following the claim numbers indicate the current statuses of the claims.

Claims 1-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) An information system comprising an information access point relating to at least one pre-determined geographical area, said information access point including apparatus for retrieving information relating to trusted computing platforms located within said pre-determined geographical area, said information system being arranged to provide said information to a ~~user upon request~~ portable computing apparatus visiting the pre-determined geographical area, wherein said information enables interaction with trusted components of said trusted computing platforms.

12. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said information system is arranged to provide as said information only details and/or a list of public keys of genuine trusted computing platforms within said pre-determined geographical area.

13. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 11, wherein said information access point comprises a trusted computing platform.

14. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 11, comprising apparatus for communicating or interacting with ~~a user's~~ the portable computing apparatus.

15. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 14, wherein said apparatus for communicating or interacting with ~~a user's~~ the portable computing apparatus is arranged to perform said communication or interaction by physical contact or directional wireless communication.

16. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 11, incorporating or accompanied by a declaration concerning the trustworthiness of the system.

17. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 16, wherein said declaration is capable of interpretation by a user <u>of the portable computing apparatus</u> without preprocessing by an information processing system.

18. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 11, arranged to verify the identity of a user.

19. (Previously presented) A system according to claim 11, arranged to enable a user to perform operations, either locally or remotely, upon the information provided thereby.

20. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 11, wherein the information provided to the ~~user~~ <u>portable computing apparatus</u> includes security attributes of the trusted computing platforms within said pre-determined geographical area.

21. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing an information access point for a geographical area;

retrieving to the information access point information relating to trusted computing platforms within the geographical area; and

providing the information from the information access point to a ~~user upon request~~ <u>portable computing apparatus visiting the pre-determined geographical area, wherein said information enables interaction with trusted components of said trusted computing platforms</u>.

22. (Previously presented) The method of claim 21, wherein providing the information comprises only information relating to genuine trusted computing platforms within the geographical area.

23. (Previously presented) The method of claim 22, wherein providing the information comprises providing a list of public keys of the genuine trusted computing platforms within the geographical area.

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24. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, <u>wherein</u> providing the information comprises the information access point communicating with ~~a portable~~ <u>the portable</u>

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computing apparatus ~~of the user~~ when the portable computing apparatus is in physical contact with the information access point.

25. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 21, <u>wherein</u> providing the information comprises the information access point communicating with ~~a portable~~ <u>the portable</u> computing apparatus ~~of the user~~ when the portable computing apparatus is in position for directional wireless communication with the information access point.

26. (New) The method of claim 21, further comprising the portable computing apparatus using said information to interact with a trusted component of one of said trusted computing platforms.